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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

January 12, 1960

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for December 1959

General

Weather. The weather for December was warm and dry with little precipitation. The maximum recorded at Mammoth was 45 degrees on December 2, and the minimum was -5 degrees on the 20th. Precipitation for the month was 0.35 inches. Snowfall for the month was below normal.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Visitors for the month were estimated at 611. Total yearly visitation through December 31 was 1,408,667, a decrease of 2.3 per cent from 1958 visitation. The road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and to Mammoth was possible during the entire month. Annual and 15-day permits for automobiles, house trailers, motorcycles, etc. were not sold after October 30.

Inspections. Mr. Frank L. Brown, Construction Representative from the Western Office, Division of Design and Construction, left the Park for San Francisco on December 5. Mr. Brown had been in the Park since May 6.

Mr. Robert Bendt, Biologist, Grand Teton National Park, conferred with officials in Yellowstone on December 13.

Messrs. Pedro A. Guzzo and W. Ward Yeager, Personnel Officer and Assistant Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park were in the Park on December 21 and met with Harold Snegosky, Personnel Officer from Region Two. Mr. Snegosky discussed the merit promotion program with Yellowstone officials.

Special Activities. Assistant Superintendent Gastellan attended the fall meeting of the Montana Natural Resources Council at Montana State College, Bozeman, on December 4. Chief Park Naturalist McIntyre also attended this meeting.

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OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

January 18, 1925

Dear Sir:

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Thank you for the receipt of your letter of January 15, 1925.

Very truly yours,
Superintendent

Enclosed

is a copy of the report of the committee on the subject of the
Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, for the year 1924. The
report is being submitted to the Secretary of the Interior
for his consideration and to the President of the United States
for his approval. It is also being distributed to the
various departments of the Government for their information.

The report contains a detailed account of the work of the
National Park Service during the year 1924. It also contains
a list of the various projects which are being carried on
during the year 1925. It is hoped that you will find the
report of interest and that it will be of service to you.

Very truly yours,
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Superintendent Garrison attended a meeting of the Wyoming Outfitters Association on December 17 in Lander, Wyoming. An illustrated talk was given on Elk Management. Chief Park Game Warden McIntyre accompanied Superintendent Garrison.

A group of five foreign teachers who were studying language teaching techniques at the University of Michigan, visited the Park on December 21 and were escorted to Old Faithful and return. The teachers were from Japan, one from Ecuador, one from Colombia and one from Iceland. This group was sponsored by headquarters from Livingston.

Mr. Louis L. Gammel, Forester (Fire Control), returned to the Park on December 11 after completing a special assignment in the Region Two Office to evaluate fire control plans for Yellowstone.

The NPS mess hall at Mammoth closed December 13.

Reports of earth tremors are received almost daily. Some are strong enough to rattle household articles but most of them are mild. This is a healthy and normal situation following an earthquake and these tremors or shock waves should continue for about two years.

Administration

Personnel. David S. Footer, electrician, salary conversion to career-conditional appointment (subject to furlough), effective December 1.

James T. Manion, Fire Control Aid, GS-6, promoted to Fire Control Technician (General), GS-7, effective December 7.

James R. Hepburn, Automotive Mechanic, salary conversion to career appointment (subject to furlough), effective December 8.

Linden N. Thomas, Painter, resignation, effective December 9.

Roy L. Armstrong, Foreman II, Maintenance, transferred to Devils Tower National Monument, effective December 12.

James H. Batzloff, carpenter, career-conditional appointment (subject to furlough) effective December 12.

William B. Foster, Foreman III Maintenance, transferred from Position No. 483 to Position No. 168, effective December 14.

Donald K. Herne, Foreman III, Maintenance, transferred from Position No. 35 to Position No. 173, Foreman III, Maintenance (part-time), effective December 14.

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Lawrence W. Waymire, Maintenance, career-conditional appointment (subject to approval), effective December 16.

Bernard R. McCalland, Park Ranger, conditional to career appointment, effective December 16.

Mrs. Carole D. Martin, Clerk-Typist, career-conditional appointment (subject to approval), effective December 20.

James B. Valdez, Park Ranger, GS-7, re-assigned from Position No. 53 to Position No. 54, effective November 29.

Bernard R. McCalland, Park Ranger, GS-7, reassignment from Position No. 54 to Position No. 47, effective November 29.

Robert N. Perkins, Park Ranger, GS-7, reassignment from Position No. 47 to Position No. 53, effective November 29.

In-Service Training. The Property Management Branch began a winter in-service training on the self-service trucking system December 4. Eight employees attended this session. W. Gordon Turner is in charge.

An Advance Course in Red Cross First Aid was completed by 18 uniformed personnel on December 9. Instructors were Dale Wiese and Howard Chapman.

An in-service training program on some recent techniques and equipment was presented in the Engineering Office on December 17. Twenty-one employees attended this meeting.

The Appraisal Counseling sessions that have been taking place here have been well received. These sessions included GS-11 employees and it is hoped others will be included at a later date.

Approximately 50 employees made up an informal caravan of private cars and enjoyed a "Show-Me Trip" and outing to the faithful area on December 26. There were animals near the pool and the camera fans were busy. Everyone reported an interesting day viewing the Park in winter.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees was held December 7.

The American Federation of Government Employees held their regular meeting December 14.

The Christmas vacation at the Yellowstone Park school started at the close of school December 22.

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Thursday afternoon, December 24, was proclaimed a legal half-holiday by President Eisenhower, with all employees who could be spared being excused, making a 3-1/2 day Christmas holiday.

Births. A son, Lance, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donn Reiners on December 3 in Sacramento. Mrs. Reiners is the daughter of District Ranger and Mrs. Harry V. Reynolds.

A daughter, Kristin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lars Garrison, on December 21 in Denver. Superintendent Lon Garrison is the paternal grandfather.

Marriages. Mr. Eldon G. Reyer of Longmont, Colorado, and Mary Karen Garrison of Mammoth were married December 20 in the Yellowstone Park Chapel.

Accidents and Public Safety. A total of four motor vehicle accidents were reported during the month, all caused by skidding on ice or snow. Two were Class Minor and two were Class I.

Cooperative Activities

Publicity. On each Thursday, the Yellowstone Weekly News was issued to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed of Park happenings.

Religious and Chapel Use. The Chapel was used every Sunday for the regular Sunday school and Protestant church services. A special Christmas Eve service was held December 24 at 7:00 p.m., conducted by Reverend Alan Line. The Chapel was used on December 28 for a wedding ceremony.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. The "White Wildlife" exhibit for the Blacktail Deer Creek area was completed during the month.

Much progress has been made on the Museum Records Program which must be completed by June 30.

Research and Observation. Yellowstone Lake was approximately 10 per cent frozen over on December 20. There were 8 California gulls and 14 swan and 6 Canadian Geese on the lake. On the Yellowstone River 15 swan, 19 Canadian Geese and 205 ducks were observed.

The first phase of the 1959-60 Earthquake Study was concluded on December 18, and the four naturalists who were working on this study have returned to their various duties.

Natural History. Sales receipts for the 1959 calendar year were \$27,835.03 which is \$1,750.09 more than in 1958.

Equipment and Supplies. A Haga altimeter was used in determining the heights of eruptions of geysers and received during the month.

Concessioners. The Montana Physicians Service and Dr. Alfred E. Lueck met with Assistant Superintendent Castellum on December 2 in the Administration Building.

Roads and Trails Maintenance. The Mammoth area was snow-plowed three times during the month. The road from North Entrance to Cooke City was plowed twice. Sanding was done when required. Replacement and repairs to guard rails, wooden walks and camp fireplaces bases were made.

Contracts. Skinner Enterprises of Helena, Montana was awarded a contract for pedestals for campground tables in the amount of \$5,547.20.

Downer Lumber Company, Livingston, was awarded a contract for lumber, \$1,838.17.

Protection and Ranger Service. Patrols have been made throughout some of the back country. Inspections have been made on construction projects.

Building Fire Protection. The inspection for fire hazards in the buildings in Mammoth Village were completed on December 15.

Forest Fire Protection. Demonstration rides in a model 12K Miller Helicopter on December 17 were taken in the Park by Superintendent Garrison, Assistant Superintendent Castellum, Forester (Fire Control), Junsel and Park Engineer Howe. This helicopter may be considered for use during 1960 because of its ability to land and take off with loads up to 1,000 pounds at high altitudes.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. WOLFERS. Small bands of 100 to 150 of these animals can be seen at the North Entrance almost every day.

BADGER. A badger was seen between Mammoth and Golden Gate on December 30.

BEAVER. One beaver has been observed several times in Fan Creek.

BIGHORN. The first Bighorn was observed on Druid Peak December 18, none has been seen since. Small bands of sheep can be seen almost daily on the slopes of Mt. Everts.

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BISON. These animals have not been seen in great numbers this month. A few have been observed at Northeast Entrance in groups of 5 to 18, Lamar, Madison Meadows, and a herd of approximately 25 on Fountain Flats.

DEER. Deer can be seen frequently around Mammoth. About twenty have been observed between Gardiner and Crevier on each patrol.

ELK. Large numbers of elk have been observed in the Tower Fall-Mammoth area. There are 2,000 or more in the Lamar Valley. Herds of 10 to 150 elk have been seen at the north end of the Gallatin. Elk in large numbers have been observed near the North boundary.

The Big Game hunting season in Montana, adjacent to the Park, was closed December 31. Hunter take in this area was 150.

FOX. A fox has been observed near Soda Creek between Mammoth and Tower Fall.

MARTEN. One of these animals was observed in the Cotton Canyon on the 6th.

MOOSE. Many have been observed in the Bear Butte area. Moose have been observed in the Gallatin, near Spotted Creek and at Summit Lake.

BIRDS. Bald eagles have been observed from the Fountain Freight Road and along the Madison River near Eagle Bend.

BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES. Professor Merrill S. Beal's monograph on "The Nez Perce Campaign of 1877" was reviewed. The original manuscript and approximately 50 photographs and the historical base map were forwarded to the Region Two Office on December 2.

Leuel A. Garrison
Superintendent

In triplicate

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